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## BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

Encl. A to 390-CBOWB

1. Hans PIEPER
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3. September 28, 1902 - Berlin
4. German
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7. 24 b Tornesch (Kreis Pinneberg) Holstein, Industriestr.
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9. Married
10. one child
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12. Investigator for the Volkshund für Frieden u. Freiheit, Bonn
13. Jan. 10, 1919 - Apr. 15, 1922 - Apprentice in "Commerz u. Privat Bank A.G." - Berlin - Behrenstr. 46-48  
Apr. 16, 1922 - Dec. 31, 1925 - Bank official - Lewinsky, Meteloff & Co., Bank-Kom. Ges. auf Aktien, Berlin, Taubenstr. 23.  
Jan. 1, 1926 - Feb. 28, 1927 - Accountant - Horchwerke A. G. Berlin NW 7, Mittelstr. 15 (branch of the Frankfurt/M. Headquarters)
14. Berlin 1902 - 1943  
1949 - Tornesch
15. Dr. med. L. Schmitt, Munich:  
Ernst Torgler (Communist) Reichstagsabgeordneter—once the object of surveillance by Pieper in connection with the Reichstag fire).
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24. Gestapo 1933 - 1945  
Police Inspector - 31.12.32  
Police Oberinspektor - 1.10.35  
Polizeirat - 1.6.38  
Amtsrat - 1.5.41  
Regierungsrat - 1.2.45

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### REMARKS (Cont'd from 13.)

1.3.1927 - Entered the Berlin Police Dept. as a Civil Supernumary, trained and passed his examination as Police Inspector on 28.3.1930.  
1.3.1930 - 30.9.1931 - Berlin Police (Fremdenpolizei).  
1.10.1931 - 30.9.1933 - Case officer (Sachbearbeiter) Police Bqs., Div 1A Political Police), anti-Communist branch.  
1.10.33 - 8.5.45 - Reichsministerium of Interior with the headquarters of the Security Police (Gestapo). Rose to rank of Regierungsrat.  
12.12.45 - 19.2.48 - Interned; denazified March 1949 Group V  
21.6.48 - 30.3.49 - Construction worker.  
1.4.49 - 14.9.49 - Unemployed.  
15.9.49 - 28.2.51 - Employed by the "Kaffee Einfuhr Kontor" Hamburg in the Market Investigation Division (concerned with stopping coffee smuggling).  
1.3.51 - 30.4.51 - Unemployed.  
1.5.51 - Employed as Sales Manager by a furniture factory in Hamburg-Wilhelmsburg

REMARKS 1.6.38 - 8.5.1945, Assistant Director, later Director, of the Detention Branch of the Gestapo. This branch was composed of Personnel, organization of the Political Police, "Dauerdienst," Photography, Identification, and Reports Sections. Pieper was in charge of 1200 men and women Gestapo employees.

Pieper was mainly concerned with working against Communists; he wrote lengthy reports on the illegal methods used by Communists not only in Germany but internationally. His "acquaintance" with Ernst Torgler (Communist representative in the Reichstag) is due to the fact that he was charged with Torgler's surveillance, first in connection with the Reichstag fire, then on through to 1945. It may be that Torgler is one of Pieper's sources on Communism.